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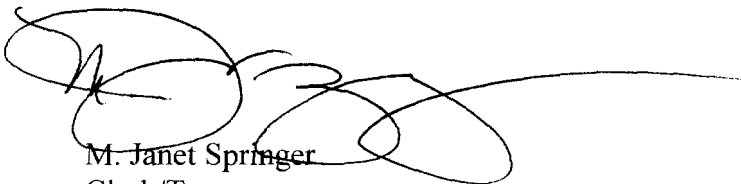
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Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Reference: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Sirs,

Please refer to the attached appeal letter dated August 10, 2001. I would appeal the SLC decision to disallow our form 471 application for the reasons stated.

Yours truly,



M. Janet Springer
Clerk/Treasurer

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

Administrator's Decision on Waiver Request

August 21, 2001

M. Janet Springer, Clerk/Treasurer
Ritter Public Library
5680 Liberty Avenue
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

Re: Your Request for Waiver of Application Window For Program Year 4 2001-2002

Application Number: 217242

Date Request Received: August 13, 2001

The Schools and Libraries Division received your request, cited above, for a waiver of the application window deadline for the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (E-Rate).

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) to consider your request. Therefore, your request for a waiver of the application window deadline may not be considered by SLD. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may submit an appeal to the FCC at the following address:

**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
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You must file an appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date of this letter, in order for your appeal to be considered by the FCC.

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August 10, 2001

Letter of Appeal
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Whippany, NJ 07981

APPEAL: 471 Applicant # 217242
Funding Year 7/01/2001 – 6/30/2002
Entity Number: 129465

Sirs:

I would appeal your decision to disallow our Form 471 application. Your decision is based upon a postmark dated after the January 18, 2001 filing date. I find it very hard to believe that this could be so, and would ask for proof of that fact. My print out of the completed forms on file have a date of 11/28/00, we have a postage machine here in the office. Both of these facts leads me to believe that perhaps you were mistaken.

I have enclosed the postcard I received for your information. Contact information would be:

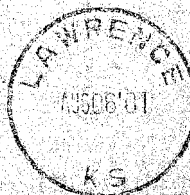
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Thank you,

M. Janet Springer

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ATTENTION:

2001-2002 E-RATE APPLICANTS

Applicant Form Identifier: RPL2001

MAILING DATE:

August 6, 2001



**YOUR FORM 471 HAS BEEN RECEIVED -
BUT POSTMARKED AFTER THE JANUARY 18 WINDOW CLOSED**

We're sending this card to thank you for your recent Form 471 application but also to let you know that your application, Block 6 Certifications, and/or Item 21 attachments were postmarked after the 2001-2002 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. ET on January 18, 2001.

We are holding your application/attachments. However, your Form 471 application will not be considered for discount funding for the 2001-2002 Funding Year. Sufficient funds are not available.

For more information about the processing of 2001-2002 applications, about appealing the status of your Form 471 application, or about plans for the 2002-2003 application process, please visit our web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

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